

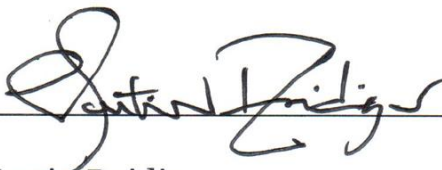


The Stipulating Defendants' Joint Stipulation is in the nature of a forbearance agreement. It would allow the Stipulating Defendants to withhold asserting crossclaims against each other until the Plaintiff's liability claims have been adjudicated. While the parties are free to stipulate as they wish,<sup>1</sup> the Court declines to enter an Order which would potentially delay the resolution of this matter or jeopardize the finality of any judgment in this case.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendants' Amended Joint Stipulation and Proposed Order Regarding Crossclaims [Doc. 114], which the Court construes as a motion for entry of an Order regarding the Defendants' crossclaims, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: February 2, 2022

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge



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<sup>1</sup> The Defendants are also free to agree to waive any procedural defenses to such crossclaims and to assert such crossclaims in a new action, should the need arise.